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FORMER JOCKEY'S PRINCELY SALARY

James Rowe, a Fredericksburg Boy, Trainer for James R. Keene.

HIS GREAT RIDE IN THE SEVENTIES

Under Rowe's Splendid Management the Keene Stables Have Won Fortunes, With a Total This Year of \$400,000. In Nine Years Stable Won \$2,000,000.

NEW YORK, January 11.—Although the salary paid by Keene to James Rowe as trainer is necessarily known to only the two persons most concerned, it is matter of common gossip that it is not less than \$12,000 annually, and this, added to the usual 10 per cent. of gross winnings, makes Rowe's earnings this year at least \$52,000. Besides this, there has usually been an arrangement that a percentage of the money realized by the sale of horses in training also is included in the trainer's compensation. This would add about \$3,000 more, so that the erstwhile Virginia employee of Colonel Daniel McDaniel, this year earns more than is paid to the President of the United States. The latter, by the way, works no harder in his special avocation than does Rowe or any other first-class trainer with \$500,000 worth of race-horses under his immediate care each season.

James Rowe rode for Colonel McDaniel in the early '70s, and there still to be found in some old-fashioned sporting resorts colored pictures of the race between Longfellow and Harry Bassett at Long Branch in 1872, when the former was ridden by the negro jockey Sample, wearing the John Harter orange jacket, while Rowe is shown in the McDaniel "blue" red shirt, his right hand raised in the air grasping a whip with which he is elaborating the sides of the beaten son of Lexington.

Five or six years later he attracted the attention of the Messrs. Dwyer, who were then at the commencement of their wonderful career on the turf, and they turned over to the young horseman a stable which included Bramble, who really was the horse to earn large sums of money for the brothers, though, of course, their purchase for \$25,000 of the two three-year-olds, and Brother to Bassett, in the fall of 1876, first drew attention to the ambitious character of their turf plans.

Once an Owner. Rowe resigned from employment with the Dwyers in 1885 and for a time was a free lance trainer. He owned a few horses and a track, and in 1887 he acted as starter. This was at the old Benning's track, where a three-weeks' racing meeting was held, and with about 100 horses to make up the fields. Then came an opportunity to handle the stable for the first August Belmont and Rowe made a great success of it.

The death of Mr. Belmont in 1890, due to a cold contracted at the horse show, acting as he became, though not for long, as he became starter for the board of control and acted as steward at the old Day Disasters track in 1890. Rowe then accepted an engagement to train for the late Colonel Thompson, but the latter's death terminated this connection, though the Thompson brothers for a short time carried on the racing establishment under the name of the Brookdale stud.

For this establishment that he won the Futurity with L'Aouette in 1897. Rowe ran three in the race, and it was always said that the worst of the three was the one that won. Still some people think horse-racing can be made an exact science. Rowe has trained four winners of the Futurity—Potomac in 1890, L'Aouette in 1897, Characene in 1899, and Colon, the unbeaten, in 1907.

His engagement with Mr. Keene began in 1899, and the list of races won for that turfman with Rowe as trainer would take up much space. It was reserved for the current year for Mr. Keene's record on the turf, which reached the vicinity of the \$400,000 mark. In nine years' connection with the Keene stables, nearly \$2,000,000 have been won, and under Rowe's able management. At one time Rowe was largely interested in the theatre, but he has since turned to horse-racing. He was born in Fredericksburg, Va.

BASKETBALL AT W. & L.

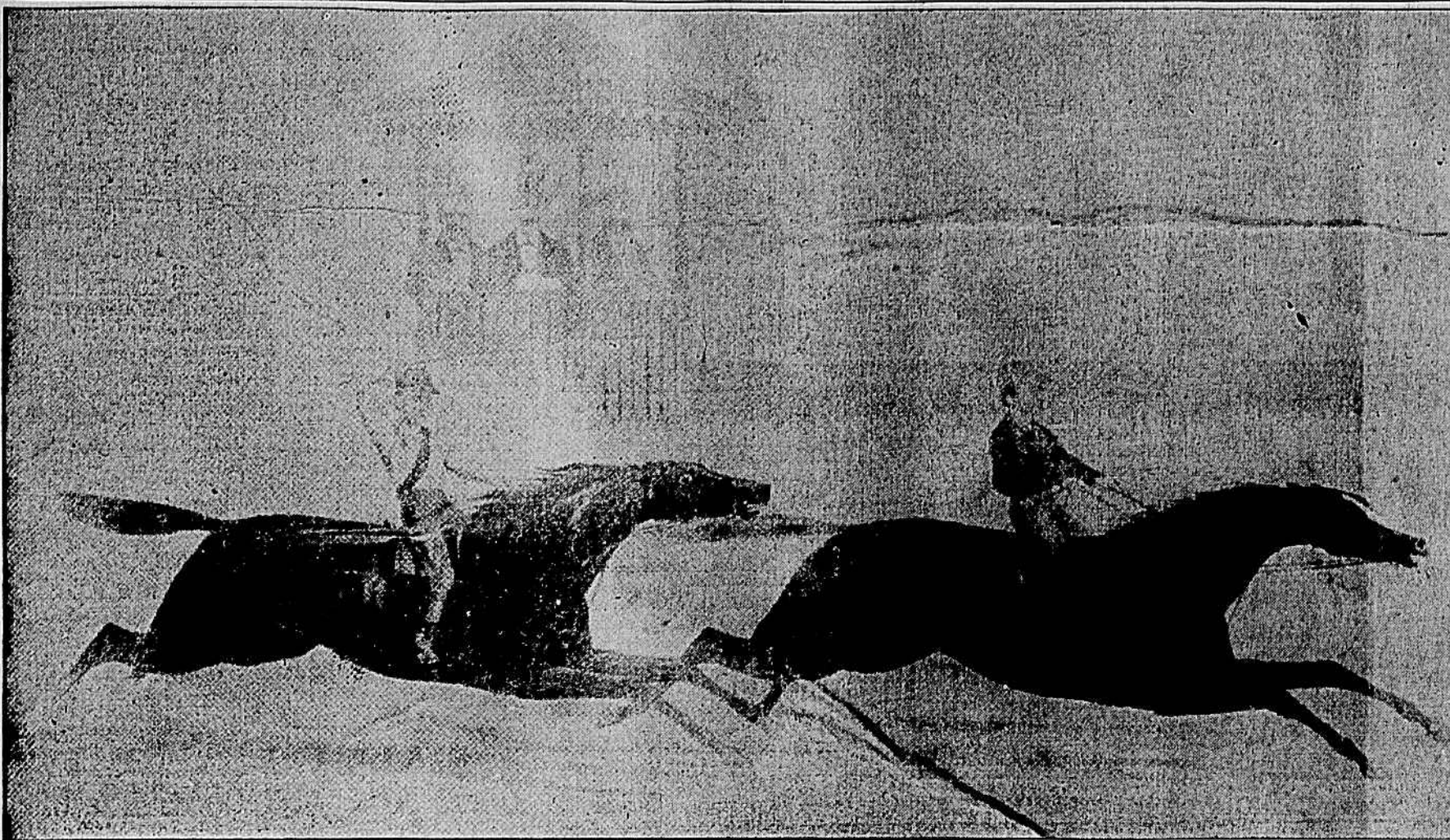
Team the Best That the College Has Ever Turned Out.

LEXINGTON, Va., January 11.—The basketball season at Washington and Lee University promises to be the best since the game was inaugurated at this institution. The team, which is right at the present time Coach Krebs has material enough for four teams, and will be able to have two teams, and the new material, one as good as the other. Nearly all the old men are back, consisting of ex-Captain Street, Osborne, Smart, Izard, Moore and the new material that looks as though they will give the old men a hustle to keep their position. The team, which has been shown up equally as good as last year's team.

Coach Krebs says that any team trailing Washington and Lee's colors in the dust this season will have accomplished a task that when they have finished will feel as though they had gone through the mill that grinds exceedingly fine.

The schedule has not yet been completed, as Manager Strassel finds it almost impossible to get games. Two games each have been arranged with the University of Virginia, Georgetown, George Washington, Rollins Military School, Kable's Military Academy and Staunton Y. M. C. A. All these teams being of stellar quality. Washington and Lee will have to do some tall work to win.

A GREAT RACE IN THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"



LONGFELLOW BEATING OUT HARRY BASSETT. (From an Old Print.) The picture shows Longfellow and Harry Bassett passing the stand at a mile and a half in the race for the Mousmouth Cup, in 1872, won by Longfellow. James Rowe rode Harry Bassett, and Sample, a colored jockey, rode Longfellow. The occupants of the judges' stand were Hon. John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky; Major Thomas W. Dowell, of Virginia, and Mr. Toler, of New Jersey.

FINE PROSPECTS FOR TRINITY TEAM

Dr. Merle T. Adkins, Former "Oriole" Pitcher, Secured as Coach.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DURHAM, N. C., January 11.—The students of Trinity feel enthusiastic over their outlook for a most successful season next spring from a baseball standpoint of view. Over no one item, however, is there more enthusiasm than with regard to the securing of Dr. Merle T. Adkins, of Baltimore, who will coach Trinity's team during the coming season. Dr. Adkins is a bachelor of arts of Beloit College, and a medical doctor of Johns Hopkins medical school, and for the last five years one of the star pitchers for the Baltimore Orioles, of the Eastern League. Dr. Adkins comes to Trinity highly recommended by all who know him, both as a most efficient coach and a clever Christian gentleman. He will resign the position he now holds on the house staff of the Union Protestant Infirmary, which is known as an "annex" to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, at Baltimore, about February 1st, and he will report for duty here as coach about the 5th instant.

For many years past Trinity has not begun her season with so bright an outlook for a winning team as the present one. Dr. Adkins, in the gymnasium has already begun, and a large squad has answered the call for candidates for the team. Manager J. M. Daniels, after a season of hard work, has about completed his schedule. There will be about thirty games played throughout the season, half of which number will be on the local diamond. There is a large number of Northern colleges that will this year make trips into the South that have not previously done so. Manager Daniels has been awake to the situation, and has secured a goodly number of games with them for the Trinity team, a large majority of which will be played in Durham. He expects to announce his schedule fully by February 1st.

FIVE GAMES FOR CHICAGO

Faculty Oppose the Seven-Game Football Schedule.

CHICAGO, January 11.—University of Chicago authorities have decided against the seven-game football schedule. According to the announcement made to-day by Professor Alton K. Parker, recorder of the Maroon School, the university senate will stand firm for the rule by which the lengthened schedule at last week's meeting of the conference was rejected. Chicago's action is a protest against the conference vote, and will necessitate another consideration of the seven-game question. The movement for more games is effectively halted by due midway ultimatum, as Chicago's affirmative vote would be needed to pass the rule by the required two-thirds majority at the next "big nine" gathering.

The stand taken by the senate confirms that of the board of physical culture and athletics taken previous to the November meeting of the conference, and is interpreted at the university as meaning that there is no prospect of any loosening up on the "reform." The Chicago position will be certain to influence Michigan against returning to the conference, it is believed, at the midway.

\$1,000 TRAP SHOOT AT PINEHURST CLUB

Half a Hundred Entries Have Been Received from All Parts of Country.

PINEHURST, N. C., January 11.—It has been largely with the idea of interesting Southerners that the big handicap trap-shooting tournament, announced for January 23d, 24th and 25th and has been arranged by the local Country Club, with the invaluable assistance of George L. Lyon, of Durham, one of the best known amateur trap shots, not only in the State, but the country. Associated with Mr. Lyon on the committee in charge is Dr. J. I. Johnson, of Raleigh; Joseph H. Hunter, of Washington; Dr. Edward F. Gleason, of Boston; C. M. Billings, of Ocean Port, N. J., and C. M. Powers, of Decatur, Ga.

Half a hundred entries have thus far been received, representing crack shots from many parts of the country, with the Southern entry list a large one, assuring one of the most important contests of its character ever held in the South.

The program includes all-day shooting and numberless events, with \$1,000 in added money and trophies, interest centering in the preliminary event, and the handicap for which two splendid sterling cups and various medals are offered as trophies.

JOCKEY CLUB FORFEIT LIST

NEW YORK, January 11.—The forfeit list of the Jockey Club has been made public. It shows that at the end of 1907 there was a total of \$17,000 unpaid. This is the amount on approximately \$2,500,000 and is a remarkably good showing. It amounts to about three-quarters of 1 per cent, which would be a wonderfully small loss in any mercantile business.

Of this amount it is safe to assume that \$3,000, and possibly \$5,000 will be paid, which will still further reduce the showing. There are 154 owners on the list, and the number twenty-one are on the list furnished by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association.

A great deal of the forfeit money is due from Western owners. A number of liberal nominations in the spring, and not race over the Eastern tracks. Many of the others published are very evident cases of oversight or neglect in meeting the obligation, and there will be several settlements before the opening of the season in April.

Reds Still After Tommy Leach. PITTSBURGH, January 11.—The return of Barney Dreyfus, of the Pittsburgh Baseball Club, to his home from Cincinnati, has caused a stir in the city. Whether Tommy Leach is to go to the Cincinnati team as its manager is still undecided. Dreyfus said that he had committed himself to carry Herrmann, of the Reds, but had given him the address of Captain Fred Clark, who is his farm in Kansas, to whom he advised him to write. Herrmann appeared very desirous of getting Leach, according to Dreyfus, and said that Clark would only consider any offer in the case on the part of Herrmann when Leach expressed a desire to leave Pittsburgh, and only then when the captain of the Pirates was allowed to make his own selection of Cincinnati players in the trade.

Sporting Letters.

The sporting editor of The Times-Dispatch will gladly answer in these columns any question regarding sporting matters. Communications on sporting subjects will also be printed, and comments will be made. Address Sporting Editor, Times-Dispatch.

Local Attendance at Baseball.

Sporting Editor Times-Dispatch: Dear Mr. Editor.—In order to settle a bet, will you kindly inform me, what in round numbers was the total attendance at the baseball games last year, and if it was not a fact that the attendance at Richmond was twice as great as in any city in the State?

I would also like to know who made the greatest number of home runs of any player on the Richmond team during the last season.

Yours truly, FAN. In round numbers, about 120,000 people attended the baseball games in Richmond last season. There are no definite figures as to the comparative attendance in the various cities in the club, but the attendance in Richmond was very probably twice that in any other city in the circuit.

Titman made the greatest number of home runs for Richmond.

John L. and the Walter.

Sporting Editor Times-Dispatch: Dear Sir.—Will you kindly inform me if John L. Sullivan ever had a difficulty with a waiter at Murphy's Hotel?

Yours truly, PUGILIST. Yes, John Sullivan once became involved in an altercation with a waiter in Murphy's, and the latter threw a coffee pot in the great pugilist's face. He got away from John L. and hid himself in the garret until the prize-fighter got looking for him and left town.

Has R. C. Bent Virginia?

Sporting Editor Times-Dispatch: Dear Sir.—I have a bet that Richmond College beat the University of Virginia either at baseball or football within the last five years. Will you kindly inform me whether or not this is true?

Yours truly, WAGER. Richmond College has played the University of Virginia some close games, but has not beaten her.

Salem Driving Park Incorporated. SALEM, N. J., January 11.—The Salem Driving Park Association, the new organization which is to supplant the Salem Horse Show and Athletic Association, was incorporated in the county clerk's office, Salem, yesterday. The association is capitalized at \$25,000.

GEORGE ODOM A WINNING OWNER

Once a Jockey, He Has Broken Into the Ranks of the Stable-Owners.

ATLANTA, GA., January 11.—The latest trainer once a jockey to break into the leading winner class is George Odom. The former star rider saw that he was getting too heavy to accept mounts, and quietly purchased a few horses about two years ago. Since then he has met with fair success with his small stable. During the meeting at Benning last fall he led the list of winning owners, and the star of his stable was the good colt Oraculum, which raced in his colors in his two-year-old career. Odom carefully looked after the colt, and won a race or two with him as a two-year-old, and also won quite a few last year.

Encouraged by his success at Benning, he sent his stable to New Orleans, and will race throughout the meeting. In his stable he has, in addition to Oraculum, Comedienne, Tea Leaf, Bellweather, Russell T. and Gay Grysselle. Odom was anxious to secure the young rider, C. Henry, from James McLaughlin, and it is said that he has succeeded in getting the contract. If this is true many horsemen believe that it would be well to watch this boy's riding on the Eastern tracks the coming season.

Twenty-Five Round Bout on the Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, January 11.—Jim Coffroth, the fight promoter, has decided to bring off a twenty-five-round bout between Bill Papke and Hugo Kelly, and has offered the fighters 50 per cent of the gross receipts to meet at his club at Colma the latter part of this month. Both fighters are anxious to meet. The bout should attract a crowd to the coast, as Kelly has already fought here, while Papke has become such a great favorite with the fight fans all over the country that the Frisco followers of pugilism are anxious to see him in action. Kelly is Ketchell, the Montana middleweight, will meet the winner before Coffroth's club in February.

Newhall May Coach Harvard.

BOSTON, January 11.—Indications point to Morton L. Newhall, the star quarterback of last year's Harvard varsity football eleven, as field coach of the Harvard team next fall. Newhall was included in the committee of the Harvard athletic board, and which included the following representatives: W. F. Garcelon, '95; G. B. Frost, '93; J. W. Foley, '90; P. D. Haughton, '99; Andy Marshall, '02, and the captain of the eleven, Francis H. Burr.

Company F's Annual Indoor Sports.

BOSTON, January 11.—An inter-company relay race and interschools basketball game were the features of the annual indoor meet of Company F, Third Regiment, to be held on Wednesday evening next.

ADDED STARTER WINS THE SPEED HANDICAP

Cooney K. Surprises Talent and Captures Chief Event Over Al Muller.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 11.—Cooney K., an added starter, and against whose chances as good as 15 to 1 was laid, won the speed handicap, the feature of to-day's card, at the Fair Grounds. Al Muller, the public favorite, opened up a long lead in the first quarter and tired in the last furlong, and the best he could do was to take second place. Weather cloudy, track heavy. Summaries: First race—Three furlongs—Morse Abe (3 to 1) first, Irfanel (3 to 2) second, Mrs. Sewall (12 to 1) third. Time, 38 3-5. Second race—Six furlongs, selling—Frank Lord (5 to 2) first, The Monk (15 to 1) second, Cape C. (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:19 3-5. Third race—Five and seventy yards—Thomas Cathoun (15 to 1) first, Abel Carr (2 to 1) second, Gold Quest (3 to 2) third. Time, 1:12 3-5. Fourth race—Six furlongs, the speed handicap—Cooney K. (15 to 1) first, Al Muller (12 to 5) second, Keator (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:19 3-5. Fifth race—Six furlongs, selling—Refined (9 to 1) first, Higginbotham (9 to 10) second, Gold Proof (9 to 2) third. Time, 1:20 4-5. Sixth race—Five and quarter, selling—Sea Salt (8 to 5) first, Ace High (8 to 5) second, John McBride (12 to 1) third. Time, 2:19 4-5.

MACEY BUYS GOOD ONES.

Pays \$5,500 for Dorothy Axworthy and \$5,000 for Whitecloak. LEXINGTON, KY., January 11.—Gus Macey, the well-known trotting horseman, to-day bought, presumably for George Eastbrook, of Denver, Col., the sensational trotting filly Dorothy Axworthy and the much-talked-of green pacer Whitecloak, paying \$5,500 for the filly and \$5,000 for the gelding. Dorothy Axworthy is three years old, by Axworthy, 2:15 1-2, dam Dorothy T. by Advertiser, 2:15 1-4, and was second to Trampast in a nose finish when that two-year-old colt last fall made his world's record of 2:12 1-4. She was owned by A. L. Leaman, of Mississippi, and W. A. Owings here. Whitecloak is nine years old, and is credited with a trial of 3:04 1-4. He was owned by W. W. Evans.

Murphy After Trampast.

LEXINGTON, KY., January 11.—Tommy Murphy, the noted trainer of Glen Cove, L. I., arrived here to-night, he says, "for his health." Murphy, it is believed, has a deal on for the sensational trotting colt Trampast, two-year-old record 2:12 1-4.

COOSBY HIGH SCORE

Voted and Tate Capture the Weekly Prizes. In the games at the Lake Bowling Alleys last week, Mr. Coosby rolled the highest score in ten-pins, making 233. L. Coosby rolled the highest score in goose-pins, making 149. Vaden captured the weekly prize in class H, and Mr. Tate captured the prize in class B. The standing of the players follows: Games. Class A. 1st. 2d. 3rd. Total. Spraggins 115 21 110 345. Page 108 107 111 326. V. Bair 107 119 110 336. Roth 110 107 111 328. Vaden 111 127 112 350. W. Snowden 105 107 111 323. French 102 109 116 327. Ransan 112 100 100 312. Harley 103 111 117 330. Simpson 111 108 108 327. Dowling 123 110 100 333. L. Barnum 130 107 103 340. Mowry 93 91 90 274. S. V. 105 81 83 269. C. Dawden 92 104 91 287. Walton 95 92 90 277. Black 90 90 90 270. Yost 97 95 93 281. Sims 89 93 91 273. Cottrill 96 87 90 273. J. C. Coosby 84 93 92 269. Stimpert 98 93 93 284. Tate 99 90 93 282. Baily 91 93 103 297.

DEEP RUN PACK TAKES TO RIOTING

Ran Away From Sportsmen and Refused to Be Headed.

MR. TOM BRYAN GETS A FALL

His Clever Little Mare Slips Into a Jump and Knocks the Wind Out of Her Rider. Reception Held After the Drag at the Club-House.

"I remember . . . the gleam of the flashing stream, A jarring thud on the wall. A shock and the blank of a nightmare's dream— I was down with a stunning fall." A. L. G.

Deep Run hounds met yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Bellevue gate, on the Hermitage Road, furnished only fair sport to a hard riding but small field, and incidentally led Mr. Thomas P. Bryan to a bit of a casualty.

Riding Cherry Bounce, a clever young thoroughbred, Mr. Bryan came to grief when the mare slipped at a jump, turned turtle, and gave her rider such a jolting as only frozen ground can furnish.

Winded and well shaken up, the pair scrambled to their feet and were soon away again behind the streaming pack. The day was ideal for cross-country riding—just cold enough, with fair going and good scenting.

Those who greeted the master, Mr. J. St. George Bryan, on Alan Brecht, at the meet, and who followed hounds were Mr. Edwin D. Harris, whip, on Gates; Mr. de G. R. Hobson, on Zilla; Mr. Thomas P. Bryan, on Cherry Bounce; Mr. Palmer Leigh, on The Jay; Mr. Ormond Young, on Red Hussar; Dr. Robert C. Bryan, on Orange; Dr. J. A. White, on Iron Prince; Mr. Hulbert, on Lady Vivian; Mr. Saunders, on Wayside; Mr. Ellington, on Overland; and Mr. Rueger, on Piedmont.

Hounds were trotted to the Quarry, where they found, and went away, never checking until the clubhouse was reached. A riotous dog hound, jumping in the name Deep Run, started the trouble and banged up the wall-laid plans for the afternoon. Giving tongue like mad, he led the pack at a runaway pace, and although huntsman and whip rode "hell for leather" to head the rioters, Deep Run accomplished his full purpose and took the line his countrymen followed through Westbrook, and finished at the clubhouse.

No ladies graced the occasion, and, indeed, the gentlemen in pink who followed the line pursued a forlorn hope, for the pack was never in striking distance from start to finish.

At the Club. A reception was held at the club immediately after "the kill," at which many prominent society people were present. Those who received the officers of the club were Mrs. Horace Hawes, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. A. D. Williams, Mrs. Coleman Wortham, Misses Bernard Cooke, Mildred Boyd, Louise Purcell and Courtney Crump.

No Eastern League Team for Reading. WORCESTER, MASS., January 11.—Jesse Burkett, who entered an emphatic denial of the story that he and Hugh Duffy, backed by a Shenandoah capital, were trying to gain control of W. A. Witman's new ball park at Reading, to place an Eastern League team there if successful in landing a franchise, Burkett declared he never heard of any such plans until he read about them.

GYM BAGLEY AS A PURIST HAS SHAKESPEARE NAILED TO THE MAST

NEW YORK, January 11.—Once upon a time there was a ball player who was greatly grieved at the way his students persisted in the untoward use of slang. He continually deplored their lack of culture, and they cautioned them against the habit, but all to no purpose.

It pained this good man to hear one of his beloved crew at the table address a fellow player with a request that he would deign to pass to them after the following formula: "Say, Nut, hand the Mary Jane a transfer down the lobby, will you?" The main Goe couldn't understand why the player was addressed as "Nut" when his name was Plantagenet McGaugh. And why should he be asked to shoot the crullers over to first when the young man making the request merely desired the helping of a biscuit?

He spoke to the players in a fatherly way and pointed out to them that there was nothing like purity in the use of their mother tongue, and cited the works of Chaucer, Addison, Emerson and a few other big leaguers as good examples of purity in diction, but it was of no avail.

One day it occurred to him that perhaps he hadn't put the matter in the best possible light and that his arguments were not after all sufficient, or forcible and strong to convince the players that they were stultifying their efforts in every way toward a desirable mode of speech in their intercourse with each other.

So he gathered his crew before him and addressed them thus: "Come here, you bunch of unripe and unsalted pig feathers. Come to me, I've got something for you and it's going to be so hot that it will not only soak into those bumps you carry around on your shump-shaped shoulders, but it will burn in."

"I'm going to grab this gurgie you slam around and make you talk as if you were paring every sentence before you spring it from your traps."

"Do you get me? The first boob that says anything any patter not found in the books and O. K.'d by his Nobs, I'll bat him .300 in the kisser."

"And any time you fellows think I haven't got in on you, just come out and try me."

"Now, you boob, hear me. What's the answer?"

"And all the students replied with one voice: 'You're on, old gee.'"

The Rake-Off.

Which only goes to show that when you have anything to say, say it, but don't use slang.